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SUBJECT: NORTHAG BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT

1. USAREUR HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING TRANSLATION OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LOWER SAXONY CONCERNING THE STATIONING OF A U.S. BRIGADE IN NORTHAG.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE LOWER SAXONY LAND GOVERNMENT AND THE LOWER SAXONY DIET (LANDTAG) WILL HAVE TO DEAL ONCE MORE WITH THE PLANNED STATIONING OF AMERICAN TROOPS AT THE TROOP TRAINING AREA OF GARLSTEDT. ACCORDING TO CONCURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LOWER SAXONY INTERIOR MINISTRY AND THE FEDERAL GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY, THE AUTHORIZED NATO AGENCY--BASED ON NEW CONSIDERATIONS AND ANALYSES--HAS DECIDED THAT THE STATIONING OF THE ENTIRE U.S. BRIGADE EARMARKED FOR TRANSFER TO THIS AREA WILL BE AT THE GARLSTEDT TROOP TRAINING AREA.

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ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN, PARTS OF THE BRIGADE

WERE TO BE STATIONED AT THE EXISTING FACILITIES IN BREMERHAVEN WHILE THE REST OF THE UNITS WERE TO BE HOUSED IN FACILITIES TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE GARLSTEDT TRAINING AREA. AUTHORIZED LAND AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND THE INTERIOR COMMITTEE OF THE LOWER SAXONY DIET THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED THESE PLANS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULACE AGAINST THE MILITARY CONCERNS. SHORTLY BEFORE DELIVERY OF THE LAND GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT TO THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, THE PLANNING CHANGE WAS ANNOUNCED.

ACCORDING TO THE CONCEPT OF AUTHORIZED MILITARY AGENCIES, THE U.S. SOLDIERS STATIONED IN GARLSTEDT (CONTRARY TO THE ROTATIONAL SYSTEM) WILL NOW BE ASSIGNED THERE PERMANENTLY. THEY ARE TO BRING THEIR FAMILIES. A TOTAL OF 1,707 APARTMENTS ARE NEEDED, 680 OF WHICH EXIST IN BREMERHAVEN ALREADY. SINCE THIS NEED CANNOT BE SATISFIED ON THE HOUSING MARKET AND NEW APARTMENTS HAVE TO BE BUILT, THE AMERICANS ARE INTERESTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOMES BY GERMAN BUILDERS. WHEN THE TIME COMES, THE SITE FOR THESE HOMES WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION BY THE AUTHORIZED GERMAN LAND AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES, WITH CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO THE CONCERNS OF THE LOCAL CITIZENRY.

FOR THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, THE LOWER SAXONY INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS ASKED THE AFFECTED DISTRICT CORPORATIONS AND THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT IN THE CITY OF STADE FOR THEIR OPINION ON THE EXPECTED POSITIVE AS WELL AS NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE NEW MILITARY PLANNING, SO THAT IT CAN MAKE A PERSONAL JUDGMENT BASED ON THESE OPINIONS. END TEXT.
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